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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEPLOYING SERVICE MODULES
AMONG SERVICE NODES DISTRIBUTED IN AN INTELLIGENT NETWORK

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record in the Application the references set forth in the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

No inference should be made by this submission that a search has been conducted or that the cited references are in fact material, in fact constitute prior art with respect to the present Application, or that no better art exists. The cited patents are listed in numerical order and not in any order based upon relative pertinence to the presently pending application.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for the submission of this IDS filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R.1.97(b). However, if a fee for this IDS submission is appropriate and necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the applicable IDS submission fee to Worldcom's deposit account number 13-2491.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that such references be listed as citations on the front of any patent issuing from the present application. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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